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174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challenges, and win. We accept nothing less.

Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Colonel Anthony Basile
174th FW, Commander

Well, AEF has started for the 174th Fighter Wing. You're probably thinking that I've misread the calendar, and I think I'm writing the October Commander's Comments. Nope, I've got it right.....this particular time. Eight of our jets, a whole bunch of our stuff, and even some of our unit members are operating in a combat zone, right now.

It's taken a lot of preparation from everybody to get us to this point. An incredible amount of work has gone into the jets to make sure that they are combat ready. An incredible amount of work has also gone into our training to make sure WE are combat ready.

For those of us staying at home, our job of preparing and supporting deployed personnel won't be over until they all arrive back home month, remember-easy, as our main yet. Once they do, need a sense of us at home whether shipped, or help busted water heater at home. Supporting the mission while we are deployed, and helping with arrangements to get everybody and everything home when it's over, is our purpose in life back at Hancock Field.



In our numerous contingency deployments over the years, I have both deployed and stayed home to support. Being on the tip of the spear is a more glorious job than the support role, but not the cause. Always tip of the spear can-out the rest of the

Enjoy your family. I think we have a for the Hancock

I look forward to seeing you and your loved ones on Sunday.



more important to remember that the not do its job with-spear.

lies on Family Day. great event planned Field community.



Suggestion and Concerns Program

By Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley, 174th FW, Command Chief



This may seem like old news to you, but the Hancock Field Chiefs Council asked me to address the Suggestion/Concern program again. The Chiefs Council has had this program for several years and has addressed many issues that could not be resolved by immediate supervisors.

Here is how the program works. Outside most Chief's offices is a box with blank Suggestion/Concerns forms. The form has space to write your topic, a space to check if you want a direct response, and a place to sign your name if you choose. After you fill out the form put in the box or hand it to any Chief on base, and I repeat, ANY Chief. Once the Chief reviews the document, it is their responsibility to act on it if they can. For whatever reason they cannot, they will in turn take it to the Chief's Council for action. If the topic is something that the base populous should know about, it will then be published in the En-Garde.

One of the recent concerns that I received was about the desert BDU floppy hats. The individual was trying to be proactive and obtain a hat prior to our upcoming Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) tasking.

The rule states; no desert individual equipment can be issued unless we have specific tasking. This is not a 174th FW rule, it is an NGB, USAF and CENTAF rule. For this next AEF, both hats are currently authorized as well as the black and brown tee-shirts.

If you are deploying both the regular and the floppy desert hats are being issued for the AEF by the 174th clothing issue.

The above is just one example of the types of suggestions/concerns that we see. If there is any, I mean ANY, issues you may have, please do not be afraid to use this program. It is there for you!



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Bejian, Northeast Air Defense Sector



Some time ago, I walked into one of the office areas in the unit (LG if you want to know) and observed three or four of our finest people fussing over a Bunn's coffee maker. They had the top off and they seemed to be trying to figure out something about the wiring. Apparently it wasn't working. Being the curious sort, i.e. nosey, I asked what was the problem. I was then informed that the coffee maker which had worked earlier, was no longer working. The water was hot but nothing would come out and they couldn't figure out where the pump was. This is an example of not being able to see the forest for the trees. After watching them for a few more minutes I informed them that this kind of coffee maker was not a percolator like the kind most of us have in our homes. It is, for better words, a displacement feed that only works if the reservoir is already full. As you pour cold water into the reservoir, it displaces hot water which flows out and through the coffee grounds then into the pot.

I'm not telling this story because I want to make anybody feel foolish or to give you a good laugh at somebody else's

expense. I want to make a spiritual application.

In my travels around NEADS and the 174FW, I've come to know that many of you are people of faith who want very much to serve the Lord. And in this pursuit you probably at time find yourself unable to do so and you don't know why. Well the reason for you is the same as that Bunn's coffee maker. First of all the reservoir must be full. Secondly, to get something out something has to be poured in. Thirdly, we need to realize that it is the Lord who fills our reservoir to begin with and it is the Lord who pours in the surplus.

The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:11 says this; "... Whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified ..."

God is neither glorified nor served by our own strength. Rather, it is His purpose to provide all our needs so that we can serve Him in the fullness and overflow He pours into the hearts of those who say, "here am I, send me."

May you know the fullness of God.

On Saturday October 4th, the Chaplain section will be conducting a suicide prevention briefing from 10:00 to 11:00 am in Building 610 Room 208. All supervisors and First Sergeants are encouraged to attend. Because of limited seating (25) please call the Chaplain's Office at 454.6632 to RSVP. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Recently 1st Lt. and New York State Assemblymen Jeff Brown was pinned Captain by 174th Commander Col. Tony Basile, at a brief ceremony in the 174th Headquarters Building. Along with his wife, Gina (pictured above), Captain Brown's mother (Ruth) and father (recently retired State Assemblymen Hal Brown) were in attendance. Captain Brown has as the Public Affairs OIC and accepted the position of Maintenance Group Executive Officer. Congratulations Captain Brown.



Col. Kevin Bradley, 174th FW Vice Commander, receives a congratulatory piece of cake from Master Sgt. Anita Dardis, 174th FW Executive Assistant, at a brief celebration for his recent promotion to Colonel. Looking on is Col. Tony Basile, 174th FW Commander, Col. Harvey VanWie, 174th FW Mission Support Group Commander and Maj. John Balbierer, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander. Congratulations Col. Bradley!!

Family Readiness Chat

By Chris Muszynski, 174th FW Family Readiness Coordinator



The Family Support Office attended the National Guard Family Program Conference and had the opportunity to network, share experiences and learn with the Air and Army Guard units throughout the country. The world has changed dramatically in the past year and our Unit continues to excel in meeting the many challenges and the "The Guard opportunities". port office concerns. facing our families, communities world. The theme this year is Family- Changes, Challenges, Op- Please contact your Family Sup- with your ideas, volunteerism or We are here to assist you and your family for the ever-changing times ahead.



TRICARE provides toll-free phone numbers and websites that expand their ability to provide members with accurate up-to-date information about your health benefits. For a complete list of TRICARE National and Regional toll-free numbers go to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/main/tollfree.htm>. At this link you will find valuable links to finding the nearest military treatment facilities, enrollment forms, how to file claims and more. To obtain TRICARE assistance via email, contact questions@tma.osd.mil.

FINANCES: It is crucial for military members to monitor their financial affairs long before they are called to active duty. Financial experts recommend:

- Ensure all family members have proper military ID cards for medical benefits, access to bases, and commissary privileges.
- Ensure your beneficiary designations are up-to-date on your life insurance, annuities and retirement plan.
- Find out much difference in pay you may experience if you are mobilized. Current law only requires providing unpaid leave.
- Talk to your supervisor and discuss job plans during your absence. Provide as much information as you can on the length of your deployment.
- Automate your finances. Consider setting up online banking and bill paying service. You may not have access to internet when mobilized
- If you know your income will decrease, contact your creditors in writing. Under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief act, lenders are obligated to cap interest rates at 6%. You may have to request this protection and have to show your ability to pay is "materially impaired" by

your service.

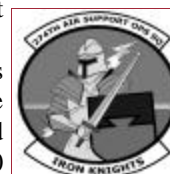
- Know your rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. Ensure your employer has a copy of the law. This law ensures that you can return to work in the same of similar position, reinstated with the same seniority, retirement benefits and rate of pay that you had before going on Active Duty.

Managing Anxiety-

Members to the Managing Anxiety in Times of Crisis Web Site www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ChildrenAnxiety/ can obtain tips for parents, caregivers, and children about ways to communicate in times of crisis; locate local crisis referrals and national mental health sources; view or download material on effective emergency and disaster responses. The National Mental Health Information Center is 1-800-789-2647 or call the Family Support office at Hancock Field.



Downloadable Children's the Web. As a service to those the Armed Forces of the United "Childrenzbooks", is providing 50 able children's books on their web-tary moms and dads. Go to <http://www.childrenzbooks.net> and click on the "military" button.



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Hancock Field's Family Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 7, 2003

Lunch served from 1200 hrs to 1400 hrs

10th Mountain Division Band

Rock n' Roll Trivia Contest

"Explore the World" Trivia Contest

Tug-o'-war Competition

Security Forces Presentation

174th CES/Fire Dept Display

274th ASOS Humvee Rides

Chapter 50 Booth

Silent Auction sponsored by Family Support Office

Ice Cream Treat supplied by O'Brien & Gere

Commissary Sale—5 & 6 Sep 03



Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul is now accepting stories for an upcoming book celebrating life as a military spouse. This book will share the pride, emotions and triumphs achieved by past and present military spouses everywhere. This book will focus on the often overlooked "other" half of the military team. For guidelines and chapter titles go to: <http://www.militarysoul.org>.

Shades of Green will reopen Dec 15th with a new, improved Armed Forces Recreation Center, Shades of Green hotel on Walt Disney Resort in Orlando Fla. Shades of Green has been closed since early 200s for expansion and complete renovation. The rates are based on rank from a low \$66.00 for E-1s – E-5s to \$99 for senior officers. The range starting Dec 15 will be \$70 to \$116. All rooms have ironing boards, TVs, refrigerators and 12 hours of Internet access. For details, reservations, and eligibility, visit www.shadesofgreen.org or call toll-free (888) 593-2242.



The Most Commonly Asked Financial Questions for AEF Deployment

By Capt Chuck Hutson, 174 FW, Comptroller

As we prepare for AEF deployment, a lot of important and relevant questions have come up. The August EnGarde included all of the details regarding AEF military pay and travel entitlements. The following are common questions relating to deployment--and more importantly, the answers.

(Q) How do I access my Leave and Earnings Statement when deployed?

(A) MyPay.

Your LES will be sent to your mailing address, wherever you typically have it sent. We haven't deployed anyone (except members of 274th ASOS) in the past two years to any location, where they did not have internet access. That makes the internet-based MyPay the best and fastest way to access your LES information. It is simple to apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN), but must be done in advance of deployment. Log into <https://mypay.dfas.mil> for procedures to get a PIN.

(Q) Do I need a Power of Attorney? (A) Depends.

A general power of attorney will allow the designee access to pay information only--not pay changes. The same pay information is available via MyPay. For AGR members, a special power of attorney will allow the designee to start, stop, or change allotments. The special power of attorney must specifically state the authority to establish, stop, or change allotments.

(Q) My civilian employer makes up the difference between my military pay and civilian pay. How do I give my employer access to my pay information?

(A) Sign a Release.

If your employer gives you a form for the agency to fill out, you may bring that to Military Pay to be accomplished. If you think your employer may contact the Base while you are TDY, you should sign the release roster during your pre-deployment briefing. The statement at the top of the roster states "I release information regarding my pay and entitlements to my employer." We will maintain the release rosters on file in the event your employer contacts us regarding pay information.

(Q) Can I have allotments established out of my military pay?

(A) Generally the answer is no.

Everyone except AGRs are paid out of the Reserve Component Pay System. A serious limitation of the Reserve Pay System is that allotments cannot be established. Permanent AGR employees are paid out of the Active-Duty Pay System and may establish allotments.

(Q) I'm serving in an area designated Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, but taxes are deducted every paycheck. Why?

(A) This is another limitation of the Reserve Component Pay System.

Unlike the active-duty pay system, your taxes will be deducted from your pay each month. But the amount of the taxes will be refunded to you every other month. This is unlike the active-duty pay system (AGRs) which does not deduct taxes in a CZTE area.

(Q) I think I need a little bit of cash to travel in case of an emergency. How do I get a travel advance?

(A) Cash advance via Government Travel Card (GTC).

You are authorized a travel advance by using your GTC at an ATM within 3 days of beginning TDY. Your travel advance cannot exceed 80% of your travel entitlement. Typically, your entitlement for the 23-day rotation is per diem for your travel days and \$3.50 per day in incidentals. So 80% of that amount is about \$100.

(Q) OK, I take the travel advance on my GTC, but who is going to pay the Bank of America bill while I'm deployed?

(A) Interim Vouchers and Split-Disbursement.

Whenever you are TDY 30 days or more, you should mail or fax interim travel vouchers (also known as accrual vouchers) to 174th Finance. If you've used your GTC for a travel advance or expenses while traveling, you must indicate the amount to be split-disbursed to your GTC account. That amount will be sent directly to Bank of America and any entitlement remaining will be sent to your personal bank account. ****NEW**** You may submit a request for an accrual voucher via the Virtual MPF. Simply log on to the VMPF and click on "Accrual Travel Voucher" under helpful links. Your request for accrual will be e-mailed directly to 174th Finance office. This accrual payment will be deducted from your final settlement voucher when you return. ****NOTE**** You do not need supervisory approval on interim vouchers or accrual requests--these vouchers are treated as advances.

(Q) If I go TDY within the A.O.R. am I entitled to full per diem?

(A) No.

USCENTAF/CC considers all meals provided to the member at no cost within the A.O.R. regardless of work schedules and possible travel days within the A.O.R. Therefore, no one receives any more than \$3.50 per day in per-diem while in the A.O.R. Members may claim missed meals on AF 2282--which must be approved by the installation commander of the deployed location.

(Q) How do I get cash at my deployed location?

(A) Checks written from your personal checking account.

You need to take blank personal checks when you deploy. Typically, the servicing finance office will allow you to cash \$100-\$200 per month. While that doesn't sound like a lot of money, you probably won't have many opportunities to spend it, other than the BX.

(Q) What should I do right now in order to prepare for deployment?

(A) MyPay, VMPF, GTC....

1. Apply for your MyPay PIN and use it to achieve a reasonable level of comfort.
2. Apply for access to the VMPF and use it to achieve a reasonable level of comfort.
3. Go to you're the Agency Program Coordinator in your squadron that administers the Government Travel Card program and ensure that you have an open and active GTC.

Technology-to-Warfighting: Delivering Advantages to Airmen

By Brigadier General David A. Brubaker, Deputy Director of the Air National Guard

Our Air Force's legacy of employing cutting-edge technology to confront threats to our nation's security has never been more evident than in our recent conflicts. Airmen, equipped with new capabilities developed and delivered by other airmen, have won unprecedented success in the battlespace. They have demonstrated that dominance in air, space, and cyberspace yields decisive combat results. As we upgrade existing systems and develop future capabilities to enhance our warfighting edge, it is imperative that we retain and invest in the foundation that underpins these great successes -- the airmen who conceptualize, acquire, test, deliver, and sustain these new and innovative technologies. By investing in our airmen, we fulfill our first core competency and provide a critical element necessary to enable our other core competencies, including our ability to deliver technology to warfighting.

Our technology, conceived in the minds of innovative airmen to answer warfighting needs, born and nurtured in our laboratories, guided and shaped by concepts of operations, refined in our battlelabs and joint exercises, and forged into revolutionary capabilities by our product and logistics centers, has given us unprecedented ability to achieve that dominance on the battlefield. The effects made possible by this applied technological know-how are the result of our air and space power vision made real by airmen throughout the Air Force. From the time the Wright Brothers first flew one hundred years ago, the contributions of visionary airmen have defined us as a service today, and promise to transform our Air Force in decades to come.

As Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has made clear, there will be no point at which we can say we have transformed the Air Force. Instead, we are engaged in "building a culture of continual transformation, so that we are always several steps ahead of any potential adversaries." To reach this promise requires a new way of thinking. We must continue to break down the functional stovepipes and tribal loyalties that stand in the way of translating our vision into decisive operational capability. We must get out of the mode of thinking only in terms of platform rather than in terms of capabilities. The time will come when we no longer have platforms dedicated to a single role or mission. Platforms must be capable of delivering multiple capabilities. We must also transform how we do business. We have made tremendous progress in shortening the acquisition timeline and streamlining the bureaucratic processes, as evidenced by our ability to employ new systems like Predators and Global Hawks -- to great effect -- before they were formally declared "operational."

Through our agile acquisition approach, we can field today's technology, providing new capabilities as they become available.

The day is coming when prompt global strike will be a reality, when the kill chain will be reliably and consistently compressed to minutes instead of hours or days, and when the sum of all our sensor, command and control, and information capabilities will be a cursor on the target and steel on the enemy. But there is work to be done. As we experiment with machine-to-machine conversations across the global grid, shortening the timeline from sensor detection to weapons on target, we envision a future where network-centric warfare gives our nation an even greater asymmetric advantage in the war on global terrorism and in future combat operations. To achieve this goal, we need innovative thinking from all of our people involved in system development, acquisition, and operational employment, translating the capabilities we need into technical solutions, weapon systems, and concepts of operations, tactics and techniques for their employment.

Though we are developing new systems such as the F/A-22, Space-Based Radar, Multi-sensor Command and Control System, and Airborne Laser to counter the threats of today and the future, we have also achieved dramatic results by modifying and updating our older systems and reconsidering how we employ them. Adding advanced data links to our fighters, anti-jamming capabilities for our GPS-guided weapons, smart weapons and satellite communications to our bombers, and better self-protection systems to our airlifters will vastly improve our ability to generate the effects we want in the battlespace. Some of these modifications have been implemented with unprecedented speed -- such as the installation of Litening II targeting pods and Predator video on our B-52s. Such modifications are a testament to the skill, inventiveness, and determination of the airmen who tackle these challenges, and to what they can do when unshackled from a risk-adverse bureaucracy.

Technology-to-warfighting is a key to our third core competency -- integrating operations. We have not yet captured the full magnitude of what we've achieved in integrated operations during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM with our sister services and allies. At first glance, the results indicate that we're delivering on the promise and vision we set down years ago, and that we can continue to develop the effects-based warfighting capabilities that will bring us victory over terrorism, and real security in the face of emerging threats around the globe. I'm proud of all who are making that happen for our Air Force and our Nation.



Specialist Daniel Borisov, a Russian native, welcomes one of his fellow countrymen who was part of a group business leaders from Russia that recently visited the 174th. Specialist Borisov is member of the Alpha Company 1st of the 108th assigned to 174th Security Forces Squadron. The Syracuse International Center (SIC) brought the special visitors to the base. The Center arranges for visitors to come to Syracuse through the U.S. State Department or The Library of Congress. The theme of this group was "Economic Development" and they chose the 174th to visit because of the units economic impact in Central New York. They were welcomed and briefed by Col. Tony Basile, 174th FW Commander and were given a tour of the base.



Colonel Mark Perodeau is the Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies at AFROTC Detachment 535, Syracuse University, NY. He will be the featured speaker for the Wednesday September

24, 2003 Community Relations Luncheon at the 174th FW Dining Hall. Great price, Great meal and a Great time. Doors open at 11:30am...Lunch at 12:00 noon ...over at 1:00pm. See you there!

"Precision Engagement" Another Milestone for the 174th Fighter Wing

By Lt. Col. Tom Owens, 174th Operations Group Commander

Eight F-16s, well over 100 combat trained personnel and a C-5 full of equipment returned on August 8th from an invaluable deployment to Hill AFB, UT. The 174th Fighter Wing's participation in Combat Hammer 03-04 marked yet another significant milestone for the 174th in staying current and relevant in today's Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF). The training the unit received was directly aimed at increasing our ability "To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations..." the major thrust of our AEF mission.

The milestone is our demonstration as a unit to perform Precision Engagement, a key "USAF Distinctive Capability." This was not the first time 174th jets have fired maverick missiles nor the first time they have dropped Laser Guided Bombs (LGBs). It was, however, the first time we have targeted these weapons along with the new Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) with such exacting precision that it affirms our role as a Precision Engagement capable F16C+ unit. We have also honed our core competency as a leader in bringing Technology-to-Warfighting, something that Syracuse has always carried as its hallmark in the force.

Our recent history is marked by numerous examples of how the 174th FW has played a crucial role in developing the F16C+'s superior wartime capabilities. Whether it was providing the aircraft and avionics expertise for F16C GPS Kitproofing, providing ongoing development help in SADL Gateway Conops, deploying a 4-ship to support SADL Air-to-Air Precision Engagement, leading the ANG as the Sniper Pod unit, providing AATC support, or the-list-is-endless, the 174th has always been a premier F16 unit in the Combat Air Force (CAF) when it comes to technology and fighting for our nation.

The 174th FW should stand confident and be very proud of not only our legacy in ANG contributions toward this milestone, but in our current state of readiness as we approach the upcoming AEF. We will undoubtedly take the many

great employment lessons that we have learned from Combat Hammer and immediately increase our ability to engage the enemy in a more precise and lethal manner. Kudos to all, your efforts today, as they have proven over and over in the past, will surely ensure great success for not only the 174th FW from Syracuse, NY, but for all the ANG, the CAF and the United States.

"Precision Engagement II"

By Lt. Col. Ted Limpert, 138th Fighter Squadron Commander

On relatively short notice, SG, LG and OG pulled together and deployed to Hill AFB, Utah for Combat Hammer. Hammer, as it is more commonly called, is traditionally an excellent opportunity to employ live munitions in a tactical scenario, while having real time feed back on weapons effects. This Hammer was no exception. Eight jets deployed on Saturday, August 2, followed by the main body in a NYANG C-5. The 8 ship was led by Ops Group Commander



Lt. Col. Ted Limpert, 138 FS, Commander, employs a GBU-12 from Tail # 570, scoring a direct hit approximately 30 seconds later against a simulated Command Post structure inside a sophisticated training target array in the South UTTR.

LTC Tom "Tuna" Owens and featured our newest Lieutenant, Scott Bissonnette, flying the D-model as number 8. The project officer was MAJ Scott "Gripper" Brenton, the Chief of Wing Weapons.

Planning and execution was flawless as all 8 jets and the C-5 arrived in Salt Lake City without a hitch. The jets were immediately reconfigured for planned employment of the Maverick Air to Surface missile on Monday. Sunday was available for pre-mission planning and for maintenance and weapons to ensure the jets were ready for Monday's mission. F-15E "Strike Eagles" from Lackenheath England shared tight quarters with us and provided adversary Red Air for the realistic scenario. Also included in the scenario were ground threat emitters

and "Smokey Sams". Smokey Sams are small rockets that are launched at our aircraft to simulate surface to air missiles.

The weapons ranges at the Utah Test and Training Range or "UTTR" are some of the best in the country. The ranges are exceptionally large and have flat desert terrain, surrounded by mountains. The threat arrays include airfields, surface to air missile sites, tanks, buildings and even moving vehicles. Significant low altitude training could be accomplished because the area is so sparsely populated.

MAJ Brenton led the first maverick mission on Monday against the moving vehicle targets. After successfully fighting their way through the F-15Es, which were simulating enemy fighters, the flight was illuminated by the ground threat emitters, necessitating a threat reaction and deployment of chaff and flares. Smokey Sams were launched, requiring further threat reactions prior to employment of the Maverick. Back at Hill AFB,

a live feed of the missile telemetry allowed the gathered pilots and maintenance personnel to watch Gripper shack the APC that was the towed moving target. (The pilots were cautioned not to target the lead tank, which was the vehicle used to tow the target APC. Thanks to good training back at home, only the desired targets were destroyed.) There were two views of the shot, one directly from the missile and another from a remote camera focused on the target. As the APC filled the missile field of view, a quick shift to the fixed camera showed a direct hit and ensuing explosion, knocking the APC into the air.

Maintenance and munitions troops worked especially hard all week under the direction of 1st LT Marsha Cole and Chief Mike Will. The flight line temperatures were in the high 90s, necessitating frequent reminders to hydrate and apply sunscreen. The weapons crews worked diligently to prepare the Laser Guided Bombs (LGBs) which were employed on Tuesday, the Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs which utilize the GPS) which were employed on Wednesday and the Mavericks. Both the climate and the training provided an excellent opportunity to prepare for our AEF deployment.

One of the highlights of the trip was the final flight for LTC Ray "IB" Montal-

bano. Although it is always difficult to make your “fini” flight after a long and successful career, you can see from the photo that IB was all smiles as he was joined by his wife Heidi, their children and his parents to celebrate the day. LTC Montalbano, who recently moved to Salt Lake City, led the 4-ship, which included a successful mission check he adminis-



Lt. Col. Montalbano, his wife Heidi, their children and his parents post “fini” flight.

tered to our newest pilot, 1st LT Scott Bissonnette. LTC Montalbano’s blessing of 1st LT. Bissonnette as mission ready was validated the next day when 1st LT. Bissonnette made a direct hit with a JDAM!

The other highlight of the trip was watching United Airlines pilot and assistant Flight Commander CPT James “Chumley” Belton score a direct hit on a cave with a JDAM. Following employment on Thursday of some additional JDAMs and a Maverick, the jets were all quickly reconfigured and fueled for the return trip to Syracuse. Hammer was an excellent week-long deployment that provided realistic training in anticipation of our ensuing real world AEF commitment. We hope to have some of the weapons video available for those of you who were not able to deploy so you can see how effective we will be if called to employ our capabilities during the AEF.

Combat Hammer 2003

By Chief Master Sgt. Mike Will 174th FW
Sortie Generation Flight Chief and 1st Lt
Marcia Cole, 174th FW Maintenance
Operations Flight Commander

During this past 2-8 August, almost 100 of the units’ members deployed to Hill AFB, Utah, in support of the Weapons System Evaluation Program (WSEP).

I always like to start these with a disclaimer/apology in case I leave out

someone, and I am always hesitant at commending supervision publicly, (because the guys actually doing the work are the ones that deserve the most praise, we just try to stay out of the way), but in this case, Lt Cole as the OIC, and the rest of the supervisors did an excellent job at keeping me straight, working reporting times/schedules, and maintaining enormous flexibility.

Each day of the deployment was dedicated to employing a specific weapon. Specifically, Agm-65’s, Laser Guided Bombs (LGB’s) and the big ones – Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM’s).

This deployment’s focus, on the maintenance side, was primarily on the weapons loaders, who did an outstanding job and by staying com-

pletely flexible and reacting to constant change on many fronts, were able to complete everything asked of them.

As with all deployments, it is not any one area or person that “makes it happen”, and as always, we try to write these afteractions/articles with everyone in mind. There were many behind the scene personnel that are not as much of a daily focus, (*until something belonging to them breaks*) but the mission would not happen without them.

One of them is the munitions personnel. Prior to all the fun beginning, our munitions troops had to build the weapons that we would eventually load and employ. They deployed to Hill on the 21st of July and went right to work. The entire trip I heard nothing but praise for the great job these guys did and expected nothing less.

Specialist/Avionics/Age/Pol/Supply – as I stated above earlier, we sometimes forget about them, but they are always there when you need them and do whatever is asked of them, and do it well.

Crewchiefs – did an outstanding job in less than favorable conditions. They were outside in the heat more than anyone, but as always, were able to adapt

and do an excellent job as usual.

Advon and Sms Houghtalen – other than a few *incidents* with the local SP’s/LE’s, I believe the advon was a success and much more busy than I had anticipated. I know personally, I have a list of “lessons learned” that I will carry forward if tasked as an NCOIC of a deployment again. SMS Houghtalen – did a great job from the time he hit the ground till the time we broke ground for home.

To make a long article short and sum it all up, we ended up flying four days and dropped all our assigned munitions, plus a few “extra’s”. The WSEP personnel were more than pleased with our maintenance, attitude and overall approach/handling of many difficult situations. Bottom line – all of you did your job the way I knew you could and would, and I thank all of you for that.

A few words from 1st Lt. Marcia Cole, Combat Hammer Maintenance OIC:

For my first deployment as an OIC I was very nervous about what to do, what to expect, and wanting to ensure that all personnel requirements were met. It was no small task. I relied heavily on Chief Will to aid in the whole process, ensuring that all areas were covered. I am writing this to recognize the outstanding job that was done by EACH and EVERY individual for the length of the deployment. Many long hours and hard work in the Utah heat did not go unnoticed.



Weapons load crew members Senior Airman David Weaver, Staff Sgt John Miller and load crew chief Tech Sgt. Wesley Clark finish the load of a JDAM.

Through everyone’s expertise in their job and professionalism, it made my job that much easier. *Thank you!*

Surveys have been sent out to each individual. Please take the opportunity to fill these out. The only way that we can improve our efforts in the future is through an open and honest critique.

How the Logistics Readiness Squadron Supports the Warfighter

By Major Charles R. Everett Jr., 174th Logistics Readiness Squadron Operations Officer

If you have ever seen an F-16 Fighting Falcon launch on an operational mission with full after-burner or a C-5 Galaxy take-off fully loaded with personnel and equipment for a deployment, you can't help but be impressed by the technology, teamwork and experience that facilitates that particular military operation. Many of us consider the obvious players responsible for the flight, as we observe the view.

Oftentimes, once we arrive at our deployed forward location and we see our living facilities erected with power, water, food and other equipment and spares in place; or once we've completed a bombing run, we may not take the opportunity to think about an essential aspect of the mission; how did the materials to construct the facilities get there and how did we get ordnance and petroleum products for our weapons systems . . . that is the job performed in advance, during and after, by the entire support team, among that team is the Logistics Readiness Squadron. Logistics includes the provision of support to warfighters anywhere they are deployed.

Logistics means different things to different people depending upon perspective. A basic definition is the ability to provide the right personnel, equipment, and supplies in the right place, time and quantity across the range of military operations. A more formal definition is the science of planning and carrying out the movement and maintenance of forces. In its most comprehensive sense, those aspects of military operations that deal with: design and development, acquisition, storage, movement, distribution, maintenance, evacuation, and disposition of material; acquisition or construction, maintenance, operation, and disposition of facilities; and acquisition or furnishing services.

Logistics has evolved over the years. Various warfighters and armies have used logistics concepts to conquer their opponents. Hannibal crossed the Alps with troops and supplies carried by elephants to defeat the Romans. He used non-conventional transportation under less than perfect conditions to achieve the element of surprise. Alexander the Great secured alliances with people along the route to their enemy to set up supply depots and to protect the ancient roads used for transportation. Napoleon set up a supply and sustainment system with wagons and boats to provide munitions to his forces. During the Civil War in America, General Ulysses S. Grant used roads, railroads and rivers as a basis for his transportation infrastructure to transport troops, munitions and other supplies. Control of these assets was a key element to victory. The fundamental goal was to have the Union wagons never operate more than a single-days march from a supply depot.

Today with the advances in technology and the aerospace industry we attempt to apply these same principles for global reach as we employ air and space expeditionary forces. Recently, there was a reorganization. The reorganization impacted the entire Air Force, to include the Air National Guard and the 174th. The changes came as a result of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Logistics Review. The goal was to find a single point of contact for expeditionary logistics and combat readiness capability.

The Combat Wing Organization is composed of Operations, Maintenance and Mission Support. The Mission Support Group has various squadrons: Civil Engineering, Security Forces, Mission Support, Services, Communications and Logistics Readiness;

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Staff Sgt. Jack Cron checks the Mobility Bag inventory making sure the supply meets the demand.



A C-5B cargo plane from the 105th Airlift Wing, NYANG, was recently used in transporting supplies and materials for the 174th FW 'Combat Hammer' Exercise from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Here the nose of the plane is up and the platform is extended in order for the plane to be unloaded.



Personnel Security

By Staff Sgt. Timothy J. Kildea, 174FW SFS Personnel Security Manager

I know there has been a lot of talk the last 2 years about security clearances and how important they are today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in clearing up a backlog of "hundreds" of clearances. Right now there is only a handful that are overdue and we are almost at 100% of personnel with valid updated clearances. The upcoming AEF deployment magnifies the importance of having a security clearance.

There seems to be some confusion as to where the Security Clearance process and the deployment process meet. A security clearance is required for access to classified, for unescorted entry to restricted areas and for access to Air Force computer systems. Additionally, since 2000, a security clearance has been required to deploy to AEF locations. Therefore, without a clearance the individual is not able to deploy. The real question is; should the security process be part of the selection or pre-deployment phase.

At what point in the process should we make the determination if an individual is eligible to deploy? The first step should be the location and time of deployment. As stated earlier ALL AEF locations require at least a Secret security clearance. With the time that it has been taking to have investigation completed and adjudicated, is it reasonable to expect that the person can have their process done in time for the deployment? A typical best case lead time can take three to four months. This is a judgment call and backup plans should be made in the event the clearance is not granted. If the process has not yet been started, then that should raise some flags.

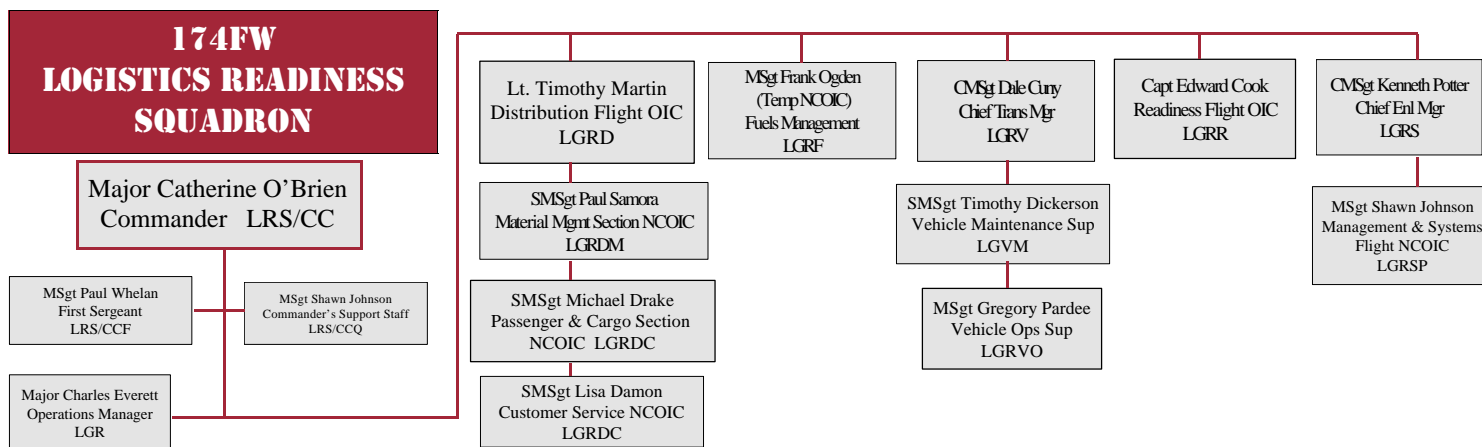
In conjunction with the time frame of the deployment is the status of the process? Is the investigation open, is it closed and awaiting adjudication, or are there issues? As you can see a

lot can affect the timeliness of the investigation and adjudication process. Unfortunately there is not a lot that can be done to hurry the process along. It is based on the information that is submitted by the individual. When the individual has several different residences and employments, this will affect the length of time for the investigation as well as any issues such as, credit or criminal history.

The second consideration is, does the person have the level of clearance needed for the deployment? If the person holds a Secret and a Top Secret is required, then a new investigation will have to be accomplished. Once again to expect that process to be completed in less than 9 months is not practical at the present time.

The third consideration is the age since the last investigation. Some areas require that the investigation be current, less than 10 years old for Secret and less than 5 years old for Top Secret. If a periodic reinvestigation is in process, the security manager should review the EPSQ to be alert for any derogatory information that could cause a Security Information File to be initiated by the AFCAF. Current investigations are also required for Special Access Programs such as SCI and NATO, if the person will have access to that type of information.

To sum up the process, it recommended by this office that the clearance process should be finalized BEFORE the pre-deployment process is initiated. That is the clearance should be granted before the individual is selected to deploy. We would not expect a person to acquire a new AFSC to deploy, why would we expect a new clearance to be completed in the same time frame. However, the ultimate decision rest with the commander, Unit Security Managers and ISPM's only advise and assist the commanders.



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a one-stop shop. Included in the Logistics Readiness Squadron is Logistics Readiness (plans), Distribution (supply and traffic management), Vehicle Management (transportation), Fuels Management and Management & Systems. Many of us recall the various structures, which preceded the current Combat Wing Organization. A Wing then included primary functional areas of Operations, Support and Logistics. The Logistics Group was composed of Supply, Transportation, Maintenance and Contracting. Plans was a section of the Wing element. As the Air Force continues to evaluate the methods and resources used to do business, addi-

tional scrutiny will be given to the Mission Support Group to determine the best approach to resolve pending and anticipated manpower shortages as well as to determine the appropriate mix of forces (civilian vs. military and active vs. reserve).

The 174th Logistics Readiness Squadron provides essential logistics management and support to the 174th Fighter Wing, civil authorities in the State of New York under the direction of the Governor and Air Combat Command.

Now when you look to the sky at a passing F-16 or a transient airlifter being loaded with cargo, think of all the men and women who make your mission a success.

AIRMEN OF THE QUARTER

The following outstanding troops were selected by a panel of their supervisors, commanders, and peers and endorsed by the Wing Commander as Quarterly Award Winners for the period covering 1 January - 31 March 2003. **Congratulations!**



Outstanding Airman

Staff Sergeant John McIlwaine
Operations Group



Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer

Staff Sergeant Nicole Perry
Maintenance Group



Senior Noncommissioned Officer

Master Sergeant Joel R. Graham,
Mission Support Group/SFS

174TH FIGHTER WING FORMAL DINING OUT

WHERE: Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle **WHEN:** Saturday, 6 September 2003
TIME: Cocktails: 1800 to 1900 Dinner: 1900 to 2100 **GUEST SPEAKER:** To Be Announced

COST

Junior Enlisted – **\$20.00 (Sponsored by a Senior NCO or & Officer)**
Senior NCO & Officer - **\$25.00**

UNIFORM

OFFICERS: Mess Dress
ENLISTED: Semi-Formal Dress or Mess Dress Uniform
CIVILIAN GUESTS: Formal Evening Wear or Business Dress Attire

SPONSORSHIP

Senior NCO's and Officer's are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Enlisted Member.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE WING DINING OUT ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2003

GRADE:	NAME:	UNIT:
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NUMBER OF GUESTS (COUNT YOURSELF)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 50, ANG NCOAGA

Please return this form to MSgt Jeremia Farley, 174th Communications Flight/SCX. As soon as possible, but NLT 18 August 2003, to allow us to get a head count of those attending.

ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE 174TH FW, 152ND AOG, 274TH ASOS, & THE 174TH ALUMNI, AND THEIR GUESTS

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Top Ten” Commercial Air Travel Requirements

1. Contact your Squadron Orderly Room for the generation of your orders.
2. Fill out Passenger and Cargo Movement Airline Request. This may be faxed to 315-454-6263. Forms are available through the Passenger and Cargo Movement Section or on the Network Neighborhood at \\lgd_server\shared_files\LGTT
3. Limit check in bags to two each at or below 50 pounds. If authorized excess baggage it must be stated on your orders.
4. Rental car authorizations must be stated on your orders.
5. Firearms may be authorized. When required they must be secured in a case (locked or banded) and the serial number/s annotated on the outside of the case. Firearms must be checked baggage. Ammunition cannot be shipped with the weapon.
6. You should prepare to check in at the terminal one and a half hours before departure. This will provide ample time to clear the security requirements.
7. Tickets may be picked up one workday prior to your travel day.
8. If changes to your itinerary are necessary while TDY contact the airline you are traveling with. Any change in pricing will reflect on the traveler. The SATO EMERGENCY number is 1-800-827-7777. This number is only to be used for emergencies in travel.
9. Notify the local Passenger and Cargo Movement Section (TMO) of any unused portions of travel. The government will be reimbursed for unused travel.
10. No airline ticket will be issued without the complete and proper documentation.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE TRIP



Staff Sgt. Joe Call is geared up and ready to go as the newest of the 174th FW Recruiting team. A recent Distinguished Graduate from the ANG Recruiting Course, Sgt. Call says the Guard is an excellent way to provide direction to our younger troops. Six years in the ANG, Sgt Call is from Port Byron, New York. Welcome and Congratulations.

New Community Calendar

A new “Community Events Calendar” on the ‘Y’ drive. The newly created document will serve as central location for obtainable information on all 174th FW community related activity, i.e. scheduled flyovers, community relations luncheons, family events, ESGR, special tours/ DV visits, staff meeting minutes, boss lifts , dining out information etc.

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This site will be updated on a regular as needed bases. Any questions or input please contact 2nd Lt. Anthony Bucci, 174th Wing Executive at 454.6667 or a anthony.bucci@nysyra.ang.af.mil.

September UTA Theme

- Family Day
- Dining Out
- ORE Prep

**Pay Date for September Drill
is 15 Sep 2003**

**The next UTA
is 4-5 Oct 2003**



Identical Pay Raises for Military and Civilian Workers

Last week the House Appropriations Committee approved a measure that would give a 4.1 percent pay raise to military and civilian federal employees next year. The proposed raise is included in the House's Transportation/Treasury appropriations bill, the highlights of which can be seen at http://www.house.gov/appropriations/news/108_1/04ttfull2.htm.

This is an opposition to a recent plan endorsed by President Bush to provide a two-tiered increase, giving the military a 4.1 percent increase and civilian employees 2 percent. Under Bush's plan, federal agencies would reward their best civilian workers with higher raises, drawing from a proposed \$500 million "performance fund." In response, lawmakers have argued that Congress should uphold "pay parity" and grant equivalent increases in base pay to the military and the civil service. For more on base and special pays, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,30821,00.html>

VA to Fill Prescriptions by Non-VA Physicians

Some veterans waiting to see Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) physicians for the first time may be eligible to receive medications from VA mail-out pharmacies that were prescribed by private doctors, under a new policy announced on July 24. To be eligible for the new benefit, veterans must meet all of the following conditions:- Have enrolled in VA health care before July 25, 2003, and- Requested their first primary care appointment with VA before July 25, 2003, and must be waiting more than 30 days for their first appointment with a primary care physician on Sept. 22, 2003.

The first prescriptions will be filled under the new program on September 22. Eligible veterans will be unable to get prescriptions filled before that date. The period between announcement of the program (July 25) and filling the first prescriptions (Sept. 22) is necessary to allow VA to identify and contact eligible veterans and to put new systems and procedures in place to deliver this benefit. For more details, see <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/PressArtInternet.cfm?id=640>.

For more on veteran health care benefits, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,30988,00.html>

Cold War Certificates Still Available

Army News Service reports that servicemembers, veterans and federal employees who served between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 are still eligible for a Cold War Recognition Certificate. In 1998, the secretary of Defense approved awarding the certificate to personnel who served during the Cold War. Thus far, about one million people have responded out of the 22 million entitled to receive the certificate, officials said. An application for the Cold War Recognition Certificate can be found on the Internet at <https://coldwar.army.mil>. The Website informs applicants about the correct procedures and the required documentation to receive a certificate. Applications will only be accepted by fax or mail, officials said. More information on the certificate can be found on PERSCOM's Cold War Website or by calling customer service at (703) 325-5864. For more on medals, awards, and decorations, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,31460,00.html>

Military Scholarship Money Available

Each year, over \$300 million dollars of scholarship money is available for military personnel, veterans and their dependents. If you are pursuing a degree or certificate, scholarships are a good way to supplement GI Bill and Tuition Assistance payments. You can use scholarships to help pay for tuition and books at most educational institutions, including online coursework. Military personnel are encouraged to search and apply for scholarships online at Military.com. <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/ScholarshipSearch/?ESRC=mr.nl>

myPay Improves Electronic Pay Services

Air Force Retiree News reports that as more members of the military retiree community, including both retirees and annuitants, become computer-oriented, Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials are increasing emphasis on its "myPay" system. myPay is DFAS's secure Website where retired members and SBP annuitants can:

View and print the Retiree or Annuitant Account Statement.

View and print tax statements

Update bank account and electronic fund transfer information;

Edit personal address information.

In addition, retirees can change both federal and state tax withholdings while annuitants can change federal withholdings; and retirees can manage financial allotments and U.S. Savings Bonds. Access to myPay is available at <https://myPay.dfas.mil>. To use myPay, you must have a Personal Identification Number (PIN). DFAS customers without a PIN may obtain one by accessing myPay and clicking on "New Pin" or calling 1-877-363-3677 and follow the prompts. A new random temporary PIN for your account will be mailed to your address of record. You should allow 10 business days for delivery. For more on retired pay, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,31653--1,00.html>



Picnic

If you didn't make it to our picnic this year, you should have, it had to be one of the best ones yet. At first the crowd was a little slow in arriving and we assumed that it was due to our local weather forecaster's prediction of rain, but as we have come to know you can't always rely on what they say. Instead of rain, the afternoon was sunny and warm and couldn't have been better. Even with the slow start, we ended up with a little over 185 members and guests. This was a little less than we have had the last couple of years, but we figure it was due more to the threat of bad weather than anything else. The festivities began at noon and lasted until about 5 o'clock. The day's entertainment and menu was pretty much the same that we've enjoyed over the past few years. The most popular item on the menu was the BBQ chicken, which once again was provided by our friends from the South Shore Association of Oneida Lake. They have been doing this now for several years as a special tribute to one of our deceased members, Jim Green, who was also a personal friend and member of their Association. To go along with the chicken we had our usual salads, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, watermelon, etc. Our beverage consisted of soft drinks, beer, coffee and bottled water. If someone wanted something other than beer, the club bar was available to accommodate his or her needs. Another highlight of the picnic was the door prizes that Ralph Brooks personally obtained for raffling throughout the day. Over all, Ralph had acquired more than 50 door prizes to give away, plus he raffled off a TV and drew the names of three 50-50 prizes winners. One change we did make this year was that we hired the Frankie Trio band to entertain us instead of the DJ we have had the past several years. They did an excellent job providing the type of music most everyone was able to enjoy. This event like most others could not be possible without a lot of hard work on someone's part. With us that person is always Bob Musengo. Because Bob has chosen not to run for another term as Board Member, this will probably be Bob's last party as Entertainment Chairman. He has done a great job for many years now, and it goes without saying he is going to be truly missed.

Election of Officers

Normally we would have our annual election of officers in September. However, this year due to the number of vacancies on the ballot sheet, the Board of Directors has chosen to delay the elec-

tion until the October 2003 membership meeting. This will allow the Election Committee enough time to find candidates for each of the positions that need to be filled. As we said last month, our current president, Jim Monroe, has given notice that he will not run for another term of office. Bob Musengo has since declined to run again, and John Terry, who is not currently on the Board, but who is our Membership Chairman, has indicated that he will resign his Chairmanship in the very near future. Considering the importance of each of these positions, it is imperative that replacements be found. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or you know of someone else who would be interested,

call Don Cook, our Election Chairman, at 470-7409. Our future as an organization may depend on your response.

Taps

Vernon D. Nutter, died 27 Jul 03 at the age of 63. Vern had a long and varied career. He was an A-26 Navigator/Gunner, in Vietnam, a B-52 EWO at Rome, Pilot with the 138th FS, OV-10 pilot at Hulbert with a 2nd tour in Vietnam, OV-10 Ops Officer at Shaw, Brigade ALO at Ft Carson, then finished his career at the Air Force Academy as a History Professor.

James F. Wright, died 19 Jul 03. Jim joined the 207th Air Service Group in July 48 and left the unit (138th FS) following his tour in Phalsbourg, France. Jim served as a SSgt in the Aircraft Fuels Section.

John J. Thompson, died 16 Jul 03 at the age of 56. John was a member of the 174th CAMSq, from Aug 76 until Apr 81, assigned to the Flight Line as a Crew Chief.

Stanley Puchalski, died 25 Jul 03 at the age of 73. A member of the 138th FS, Stanley was an Assistant Crew Chief from 1948 until 1954.

More News & Trivia

Alumni member, Dave Born celebrated his 80th birthday early at the Town Square in Whitesboro, NY. His children, all out-of-townners decided to have a surprise event in July instead of a winter outing in December. Over one hundred people attended.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Liquid refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.



"Alumni Picnic 2003"

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MSgt Noel Adamson, MSgt Heidi Grosser, MSgt Richard Doctor, TSgt Brad Addison, SSgt Joe Call

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If you know of someone considering Military Service or may want to
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